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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. contributed greatly to society. He helped reduce the amount of violence by not fighting back. He did everything with decency and order. He also helped establish the NAACP. This helped black people fight for equal rights. I can continue to do the same by not talking about others, by teaching others about races and cultures, and by volunteering in my community.

In order to follow King's dream, I would not talk about others. By doing this, I can stop people from talking about each other. If they see someone else doing the same, they will want to be like that person. If they see someone not making fun of people, they will be admired. They will stop talking about others too. But to make people want to follow me, I would have to be a leader. Someone everyone could look up to. I would have to know that if I wanted to stop violence then I would first have to look at myself.

I can continue in Dr. King's footsteps by teaching other people about other cultures and other races. If people would understand how others were living, and if they understood their traditions and beliefs, then they would not make fun of them or discriminate against them. Therefore, there would be less hatred among us.

Finally, a way that would help me continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream is to volunteer in my community. Volunteering in my community can help stop discrimination by showing the people that I care. And I want a clean environment where I can walk outside and feel safe. Also, by volunteering in my community, I can meet new people, and maybe, I can teach them something about someone else and make them stop discriminating against others. Volunteering can also mean going from place to

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place speaking against prejudice and showing people that hating another culture, race, or ethnic group is wrong.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man who helped everyone in a peaceful, non-violent way. He struggled to get equal rights for everyone. While he may have died, there are still ways to keep his dream alive. There are many ways in which people can stop prejudice. You can stop prejudice by not being prejudice yourself, by teaching others about different cultures, and by volunteering in your community.